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AIR SURVEILLANCE CAPABILITY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a fairly wide air-corridor in country`s South-Eastern region to let any enemy plane sneak into the Indian airspace right upto Bhopal according to security experts;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to enhance lower level air surveillance capability of the Indian Air Force?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): The air corridor in south-eastern region has lesser traffic density and threat perception. However, Indian Air Force has adequate air defence measures in place to thwart misadventures of any aircraft in this region.

(c) Modernization and enhancement of air surveillance capability is a continuous endeavour of the Government.